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Doug Salloum, left, plays BrewHouse with the owner of Haliburton Highlands Brewing, Michael Schiedel-Webb. Salloum has developed the beer-loving trivia game in an effort to bring to life the beauty of craft beer. /photos submitted.

Test your trivia; how one beer lover plays the game

EMILY STONEHOUSE
County Life Staff

Test your trivia; how one beer lover plays the game

Beer and board games; some would say it's a match made in heaven.

At least that's what Doug Salloum, the creator of BrewHouse, a trivia-based board game, firmly believes. "I have an appreciation for craft beer," said Salloum. "It's much more interesting than the average beer.

Salloum has a versatile background, with an undergraduate degree in civil engineering from McGill university, and a special interest in environmentally sustainable projects.

He's worked in finance, in farming, in engineering, in teaching, but nothing has held his interest more than beer has. At one point during a career of twists and turns, he and his wife, Ruth-Ann, dove into pub ownership. "Like a lot of things I get into, I didn't know anything about it," chuckled Salloum.

But he said that's where the fire was originally lit. He stocked his bar with a variety of craft brews from across the country, and was in awe of the ever-changing environment of micro-breweries.

It was at this point that he chose to return to school to learn the art and science of brewing; earning himself a brewing certificate from Niagara College. He worked as a brewer at MacKinnon Brothers Brewery in Bath, Ontario, up until his retirement three and a half years ago.

"But I really missed it," Salloum reflected. "It was a fun, challenging activity, and there was an interest in understanding more about beer."

This was how BrewHouse started to take shape. Salloum and his family have loved board games for as long as he can remember; a bonding activity between his kids, an event between his friends. Salloum knew he could turn his brewing knowledge into something that others could enjoy and share.

After a series of discussions with brewers across the province, Salloum solidified partnerships with 15 different micro-breweries, including Boshkung Brewing in Minden, and Haliburton Highlands Brewing in Carnarvon. "Each co-branding partner has a card in the game," explained Salloum. "On each one, there is a logo and a QR code to their websites, and each player can choose which brewery they would like to be in the game."

Salloum tested the game out with friends and family; tweaking and finessing the process until it came to fruition. And just this past weekend, Salloum made his rounds to the local breweries, dropping off BrewHouse to add to their merchandise sections. "Our partners know their audiences," said Salloum. "And up here, board games are a big part of being at the cottage." The games are available at Boshkung Brewing and Haliburton Highlands Brewing, and Salloum will start selling online, as well, but encourages everyone to visit their local breweries to support them.

"This is a great way to accumulate beer knowledge," said Salloum, "and have a little fun along the way."

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The floor is lava

DEB REED
Wind in the Attic

MY YOUNG grandson spontaneously resorts to this game in moments of high glee and imagination. Apparently 'lava-jumping' is old-as-volcanoes, where kids consciously avoid foot contact with floors, and jump instead atop furniture so as not to scorch their soles on churning 'lava'.

They concoct these marvellous mini-dramas since play is as vital to children as problem-solving and well-being are to us. I built many blanket forts with my siblings, and turned my sheets after dark into pirate sails since I was always too charged from books to fall immediately asleep. I was also one of those undercover flashlight readers.

Accumulated stress can be much relieved through play and reading. Distraction can return a bothered soul to the land of happy outlooks. Those danger-games of childhood actually helped give us strategy, skills and confidence. We were practising to become brave adults, smart ones who counted blessings, defeated interlopers, and (mostly) understood the world.

My partner and I experienced a house fire in November 2022. We were sitting indoors and reading to each other when we heard our gas-powered generator pop into sudden flame. It was fully-loaded for winter, so it instantly attacked and consumed the back half of our Haliburton bungalow. We bolted outdoors as the vinyl siding began to melt - like 'lava' - and there wasn't time to grab any childhood things. Of all belongings destroyed by fire, heat, smoke, water, exposure or ceiling collapse, it's my old books I miss most. I salvaged none of them.

Yes. I understand the dangers of attachment, addictions and hoarding, of keeping many volumes of ancient mold and dust next to this mildly-asthmatic collector. However, bibliophiles will understand. Antique books smell amazing, and hold glorious mystery of long-ago imagination. Authors'. My grandmother's. My father's. Mine.

My mother's first nursing guides. Recipes. Photographs. A Bible an old nun once suggested I explore. Dad's Shakespeare set from Amateur Dramatics. His inscribed Wordsworth pocketbook, a courting gift to Mum. His original love letters to her.

My personal history of report cards… classroom fiction already fascinated me, and I aimed to teach. I'd begun gathering historic Canadian textbooks. I'd also always loved when Anne Shirley smashed Gilbert Blythe's head with her classroom slate! I lost two first edition L.M. Montgomerys. Plus my grandmother's 1902 school award (for consistent good conduct) of *Little Women*. I'd read every classic novel under blankets. Each hardcover was an escape hatch inside my childhood.

Pity isn't requested! I have since found authentic substitutes, fragrant with age, to represent my original juvenile library. And from the combined insurance values of everything lost to that sudden 'lava', we've managed to glean enough funds to replace our faulty former generator with a fancy automatic one. Problem-solved. Well-being restored.

It sure came in handy while we navigated the ice storm of March 2025. Rather than jump from one freezing room into another, we - plus two chill neighbours - could rely on alternative 'lava' for comfort and safety.

Final score? Us: 3. Interlopers: 0.

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Ukulele heaven, don't tcha know

Maybelle's

Fireside stories

DEAR READER,

Why, wouldn't you know that the state-of-affairs here in Lake WhattayathinkImean is all about the weather. Oh, and politics, too. But, head-on strong, it's about our lonnng cold grey winter causing lonnng cold grey faces, and folks walking around grumbling, "The groundhog should be FIRED!"

Spring? Is that even a THING?

This time last year, buds were poking through the soil, birds were shrieking "We're back!", sun was kicking you to bring out a lawn chair or two. Not now. Not today. Today, trees are covered with ice, power outages are refrigerating houses instead of heating them, and side roads are slippery with slush.

So, what can you do? – Play the ukulele!

Of course I'm speaking about me, ol' Maybelle. My uke had been screaming at me to pick it up, put my old fingers on those old frets, strum those four skinny strings, and play my heart out. It had been well over a year, closer to two, since I had played my uke. And, Dear Reader, if this present power outage was good for somethin', it was good for reuniting me with Pearl, that's what I named her because she has a beautiful pearl-like finish. Sometimes I call her Purrrrrl, when she purrs while I'm strumming, don'tcha know.

Now, here's the thing. As I said before, it had been a blue moon since ol' Maybelle had played Pearl and I didn't know if I'd remember which fingers to put where to make certain chords. Well, ANY chords, really.

So, I picked Pearl up, tuned her first which she needed dearly, put a chord chart of my favourite song, *House of the Rising Sun* on a music stand in front of me and wouldn't you know – I couldn't remember how to play even the first few chords! Oh noooooooooooo! Am I losing it? Has my brain turned to Maybelle-mush?

Fortunately, the answer was: No! After I quickly glanced at my trusty chord instruction book, my fingers did the walking right back to where they belonged, don'tcha know. And, if strumming didn't come back as easy-squeezy as riding a bike.

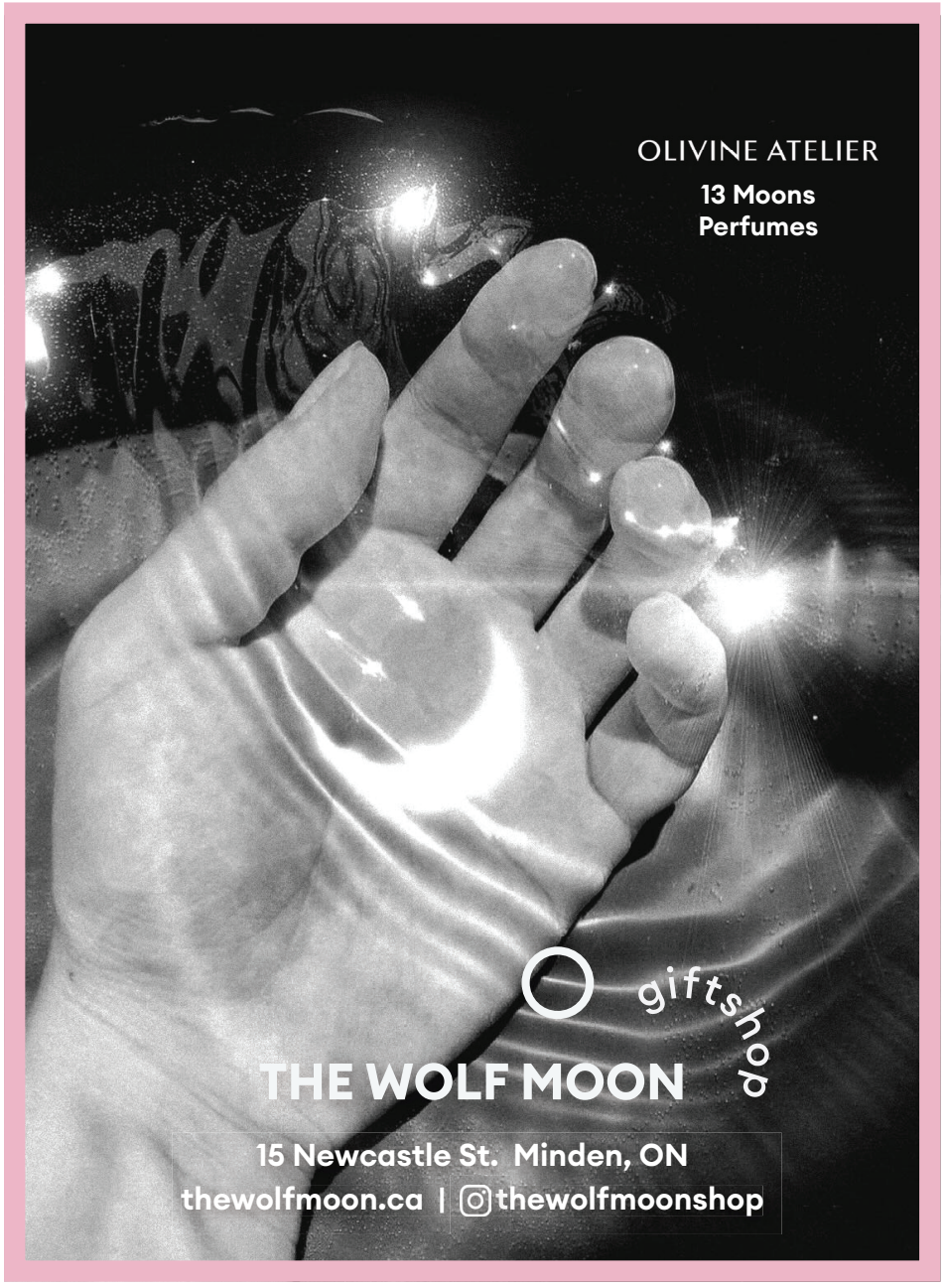
So, there I was back in heaven, strumming and singing full out: "There is a town in New Orleans, they call The Rising Sun. It's been the ruin of many a poor boy, and Lord knows I love one." Yep, I changed that last line a bit.

The power outage made me think of a time long ago when there was no such thing as electricity, or television, radio, Netflix, Crave, AppleTV, Prime Video, plus a gazillion other entertainment channels, and the Internet, cell phones -- a colossal array of entertainment and information sources at our fingertips. And there I was, with all my neighbours in Lake W, not having access to any of it. And thinking about how folks used to entertain themselves in their own living rooms. Often, SOMEBODY in the family played an instrument: piano, or guitar, fiddle, spoons, mouth organ. And folks sang together. Sometimes hymns, or traditional songs of the day.

Without all of our modern-day diversions, ol' Maybelle's cottage was quiet. And with the silence came space to truly live in the moment, alone together with my sweet ukulele, strumming and singing and feeling joyful. Yes, Dear Reader, joyful, don'tcha know.

Maybelle's Fireside Stories is written by Jerelyn Craden. "Maybelle's Cure for What Ails You," 21 of Maybelle's best short stories and her novel: "Vessie Flamingo Outshining the Moon" are now available at www.amazon.com.

A deer looks on through fallen pine branches. /KAREN LONDON staff



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A shared experience

THERE'S SOMETHING about going through things together. We all did it, recently.

We watched the ice storm come in.
We watched it hit.
We watched the damages it left in its wake.
We watched the clean-up.

EMILY STONEHOUSE
County Life Editor

All, in some way or another, together.

Despite how coldly apart we all felt. In a dark turn of events, our phones were cut out as well. Many of us are used to the occasional power outage. Some even find a reminiscent warmth in them.

But cut phone lines was a whole other story. And a quiet one, at that.

We had to rely on something entirely different: in-person contact. I saw it a few times. Neighbours showing up to check in. Dropped off goods and sweets. Knocks on doors.

While the fear loosened its icy grip and the promise of sunshine peeked through the clouds, we can look back on the warmth that came from the shared experience.

And it's interesting, because we don't seem to have these same shared experiences from positive times. Yes, we can join in joy and collaborate in comfort. We do so often, but rarely acknowledge it.

But in times of distress, that's when the real warmth of being human comes to the surface.

Bits and pieces of the ice storm weekend had me reminiscent of the COVID-19 days, when we all felt entirely alone, together. We bided our days, filling them with good news stories and banana bread recipes, uncertain of our next steps.

While we sat in the wake of Mother Nature's gnash early this month, that air of uncertainty wafted through our open windows.

When will power come back? Internet? Phone service? Heat? A sense of normalcy?

All out the window, that Mother Nature ripped open.

But while our connection to the outside world slivered through in shards, we realized that we all felt uncertain. Our own needs still on the radar, but the well-being of others bubbling to the top.

And that's when you start to see it; the glimmers of human hope. Neighbours showing up to check in. Dropped off goods and sweets. Knocks on doors.

I've watched folks with chainsaws venture out to see what needs to be done. Warming centres and shared cell phone access. Posts made on social channels (when available) offering warm food, showers, access to water. "Our doors are always open," they say, "seriously, everyone is welcome."

These disasters have a way of bringing us together. Letting down our guards, putting aside our differences, opening our doors. We are reminded that we are only human. That life can change in a flash, or in some cases, with the snip of a wire.

On the Monday of the ice storm, where our offices are normally sequestered and silent, on this day, they were abuzz. We needed outside-the-box ideas about how to assemble a newspaper that was currently living in a cloud we couldn't reach. And for the first time in a long time, I saw our writers. They all slowly but surely waded in with memory cards and USB sticks. And we were reminded that we are living a shared experience. A check in with each other. A concern about one another. An air of uncertainty abound.

We are in this together. Sometimes there are big moments, and sometimes they are small. But as we weave and wander through this giant thing called life, let us remember that when we feel alone, in the big picture, we are all sharing the journey.

Top 10 things to do when your Internet and phone service is down

IN THE last week, many of us have felt the sting of having no phone or internet service. As I write this, some of my friends and acquaintances are still without these things. During these difficult times, it's best to move forward and adapt. That's why, as a public service, I came up with the top 10 things to try when your Internet and cellphone service is down.

STEVE GALEA
Humour Columnist

1. Set up an elaborate network of strings and cups that are connected to people who will entertain, horrify, or inform you.
2. Wander aimlessly until you have guessed a correct WiFi password.
3. Place yourself in a cryogenic chamber, leaving orders to wake you when the crisis is over.
4. Draw and trade artist's renditions of favourite websites.
5. Comfort the kid by telling them that one day this is going to make a great social media post.
6. Carry around a satchel of gold coins for commerce.
7. Commence your lifelong dream of becoming a hermit.
8. Start a lucrative homer pigeon messenger service.
9. Take this as yet another sign the end is nigh.
10. Pick up one of those things called books. Figure out what to do with it.

Landscape

Wind flinging snowflakes sideways, winter clinging to spring,
blurring Air and blotting the hills, a pair of seagulls flapping over the frozen Lake,
snowflakes melting onto their wings, their screeches reaching the shore, where I stand,
cupping my hand up towards morning Sky, molting feathers of Snow, clouds shrouding Sun,
as winter muffles spring,
the squawks of the seagulls growing louder, as they approach the shore,
the white of their wings, blending in with the snow coated pebbles, as they land, not far from where I stand,
peering out at the smudges of hills, flanking the Lake, reminding me of a painting that once hung on my wall,
before I dismantled my Home and packed it up into boxes, paintings of winter and summer hills
and Lakes and Sky
waiting to breathe again, to gleam in the sunlight streaming in through the window,
where I sat on the floor in a puddle of Sun, admiring the creations of strangers and friends,
sharing their gift of capturing beauty with a paintbrush, with others,
brushstrokes of Wind and Sky and light, throbbing on the canvas, transporting me to that place
where I feel most Alive,
instead of scurrying beneath a concrete Sky, the painting, opening a window, to the feeling I had,
walking beneath a wide open Sky, inhaling silence and light,
the same feeling as I have now, blinking up at the falling Snow, tiny as crumbs,
peering out at the smudged landscape of hills and Sky, the painting that once hung on my wall,
now breathes right in front of my eyes, as I walk along the shore on this snowy spring morning,
thinking about my future Home, and where I would like it to be, the feeling from the painting leading me here,
to walk in the Wind amongst the pebbles and feathers, loosened from the wings of seagulls, now,
stranded on the shore,
wondering how seagulls know where their Home is, as I watch them, standing frozen on the shore,
snowflakes swirling all around them, the glass beads of their eyes, staring straight ahead,
out towards the smudges of hills, canopied by a stone Sky, the Lake, still frozen,
the landscape painted in shades of grey and smears of white, on this crisp spring morning,
the snowflakes luring me Outside to inhale the freshness of Air, and the silence that Snow amplifies,
quietly wishing the pair of seagulls a safe flight, as their wings flap back up into Air,
feathers and snowflakes colliding, layers of white and sweeps of grey, Wind and Sky and hills and Lake,
blinking awake to that painting each morning, bringing me such peace and joy,
wondering, as I walk along the Snow dusted shore, whether Home is a feeling or a place,
searching for that sacred space,
or just a longing for belonging, the way the hills are always there, flanking the Lake, the way Sun paints Sky
as it rises or sets,
the way my winter landscape hung on the wall, the light from the window, igniting Snow,
as I sprawled on the floor, breathing in the hills and the peace and stillness of Home.

Sylvie Kalenda

Cultivating happiness

I PASS A long-term care home on my way to the Lindsay office. From many partner tables I understand some of the many pressures these homes are under to provide excellent care, recruit staff, balance the budget, manage vacancies and prove their worth in regular reviews.

This is an immense amount of pressure to do quality care for people. On their sign I read in bold letters: our purpose - cultivating happiness. It made me think about all those standards of care and pressures. I would imagine that it could be easy to think that their purpose is to get the care right or to have optimal support and facilities. How wonderful then to imagine that despite all the pressures and regulations, the team can see clearly that their mission is something more. Cultivating happiness is a tall order, I am sure they mean that they need to work to make each day a little brighter, infuse fun and activity, foster connections and family involvement and honour all in their care as people first. A great reminder for all of us as we get bogged down in all that is going on around us, when we feel the weight of pressures in our lives.

TERESA JORDAN
Community Living Contemplations

What is at the centre? What is the prime directive? It could be – cultivating happiness. Pressures seem to always get replaced by more problems when we focus on just trying to comply with all that we have to and get through. However, as John Lennon says, *life happens while we are making other plans.* Each of those days of worry and work add up to the days of our lives. Our mission on all those days - cultivate happiness. Look for the big and small ways to make days lighter, find some humour, make others smile, or just notice the good and light moments and appreciate them everyday.

At Community Living it is always a balancing act of ensuring safety and good support, while making big and small goals a reality, planning for fun and connection and building ties in community in all kinds of ways. I love the idea that as a team we get to share in the accomplishments, plans and joys of those we serve. Sure there are hard days filled with reports and reviews and more best practices to adopt. However, there are also days where a person is able to move into their own apartment, realize that dream of a cruise, see a relative across the country, learn a new skill or master one that they have been working on for a long time. Cultivating happiness, what a great job we have.

Ice storm 2025

An ice storm slammed Haliburton County the last weekend of March, leaving many without hydro, internet, or phone coverage for many days to follow. Above, County Road 121, Minden. /Karen London staff

Roads became ice rinks in the storm, causing many days of school cancellations. /Adam Frisk special to *County Life*

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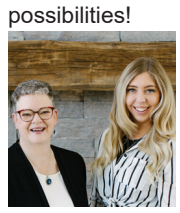

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Highlands Museum's newest curatorial assistant settling in well

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In two weeks, Zachary Warne will celebrate his inaugural year of working as the curatorial assistant with the Haliburton Highlands Museum.

Born and raised in Toronto, Warne is no stranger to the area, having been involved with Kilcoo Camp for 12 years, later becoming involved with their leadership program.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, Warne came to work in Minden during the summer while completing his studies at OCAD in painting and drawing. He also worked at the Beer Store in Minden, staying on his family's property. During this time, he fell in love with Haliburton County.

"I knew that I had to work up here," said Warne.

Warne's favourite style of painting was landscapes before attending OCAD, but while studying and following his creative impulses, began to experiment with abstract texts with vibrant colours. Throughout his BFA, Warne took some electives that discussed aspects of curatorship, the art of displaying objects, and how to represent stories behind objects.

After returning to Haliburton County, he has been struck by the beauty and rawness of the landscape, inspiring him to return to painting landscapes.

Having grown up learning about the Group of Seven, Warne says that the landscape of Haliburton has truly captured his heart.

Before working for the Haliburton Highlands Museum, Warne sold his artwork at the Art and Craft Festival, and worked in the Rail's End Gallery.

"Haliburton has a huge artist community," said Warne. "It is thriving here and I knew this is where I wanted to be."

While visiting the area with his father, Warne saw an advertisement for the curatorial assistant position in the newspaper.

"It just so happened to be the right place, right time," said Warne.

While being interviewed for the gig, Warne says that even Mayor Murray Fearrey joined the interrogation.

"With him coming in, I knew that this museum is a very serious thing to this community," said Warne.

Warne says that he loves making people interested in history though how certain objects are presented and why they are chosen to be highlighted on display.

Zachary Warne will soon be celebrating his first year as curatorial assistant with the Haliburton Highlands Museum. /photo submitted

Currently, the Haliburton Highlands Museum has a World War II exhibit with artifacts from the front lines of soldiers that returned to the Haliburton area. Warne says that he has spent a good amount of time pondering a retelling of this exhibit to reflect the ideals and mindset of the people that were left in Haliburton during the war, including how women filled the roles of men that were gone and how the town contributed to the war effort.

"Steve left me some pretty big shoes to fill," said Warne.

Warne assures that the former curatorial assistant, Steve Hill, has left an excellent base for him to learn and work off of.

"I'm still learning," said Warne. "I still have a lot to learn before I can replace Steve."

"Steve connected with people at quite an intimate level," said Warne. "Every person that walked through those doors, he connected with every one of them."

Zach says that many regulars to the museum, including a group of watercolour painters that have been coming to the museum for years, are now considered close friends.

The objects that interest Warne the most are things that people used in their everyday lives, such as the printing press used for decades at the Haliburton Echo, and butter moulds.

Warne says that one of the biggest differences that he has noticed about the Haliburton community, compared to Toronto, is the amount that people care about their community. Recently, he has worked on an upcoming exhibit about the Women's Institute and the Rotary Club. Compared to the coldness and selfishness commonly found within Toronto, Warne says that Haliburton fosters a sense of pride in the community. When an issue is apparent, the community is able to come together and make the changes they want to see.

A part of Warne's job is to educate visitors while stationed at the museum's historic farmstead in Glebe Park.

Being immersed in nature and seeing the wonder on children's faces is something that Warne loves about being stationed at the farmstead. While Steve Hill demonstrated blacksmithing techniques to visitors, that demonstration is currently on hold. Warne says that he has plans to take classes at Fleming College to develop those skills and it will be something offered again in the future.

"As a kid, I used to love changing my space and room out. I love changing up the displays and the items out," said Warne with a laugh.

"We've got a lot of new displays going on," said Warne. "There are always new things to look at."

Admission to the Haliburton Highlands Museum remains by donation, something that Warne loves, as it allows all members of the community to access their local history.

The Haliburton Highlands Museum is tucked away at 66 Museum Road in Haliburton and open Tuesday through Sunday, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Warne welcomes everyone for the community to come by, check out the museum, and say hello.

"Every day, this job is different," said Warne.

Legion Events

Branch 441 Kinmount

Monday: Bid euchre 1 p.m., Cornhole 7 p.m. (upstairs) Ladies Darts 7:30 p.m. (downstairs)
Tuesday: Closed
Wednesday: Mixed darts 7:30 p.m.
Thursday: General meeting (3rd week) Members only 7:30 p.m.
Friday: Chair yoga 10 a.m. Bingo, doors open at 5 p.m. with a weekly supper special. Canteen opens at 4 p.m.
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Thursdays - April 10, 17, 24 Cornhole, $5/player, 7 p.m.
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Sunday - April 13, LA Breakfast, 9 to 11 a.m., $10
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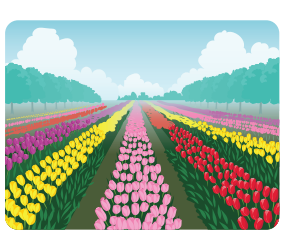

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$1.2 million cut expected

Board considering layoffs, school closures

by Andrew Milne

The board of education expects to have approximately one month to cut $1.2 million from a $7.2 million operation.

The board will be considering drastic measures to make the cuts — including closing smaller schools, reducing the school week to four days from five, selling board property and laying off teaching staff.

Director of education Brad Saunders said last week however that, owing to the timing of the announcement, any cuts made cannot possibly begin to take effect until September of 1996.

This, he says, compounded with the limited time the board has to make the cuts — will make the job considerably more difficult for the board and its staff.

The board had been preparing to make cuts, however, they had *been led to believe that the cuts would not be quite so deep.*

Said board chair Wendy Ladurantaye, "We had communications with the minister's office, and OPSBA (the schools board's association) seemed to feel they had a handle on what was going to happen... The depth of the cuts comes as something of a surprise."

Said Saunders, "I'm distressed for two reasons primarily — one is related to the size of the grant cut, but equally the timing of the grant cut. We are now three months into our fiscal year. In terms of negotiating any cuts with our employee groups, that's a time consuming process... Optimistically the most that we're going to be able to save out of this calendar year is 40 percent of the budget items — whatever we can save from September through December... The timing of this is really a very insidious part of this whole exercise."

The anticipated cut takes the Haliburton board's provincial

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Maple Fest a sweet success

The inaugural Maple Fest celebrations in Haliburton County proved to be very popular. This group was captured on film at Wintergreen Maple Syrup and Pancake Barn Saturday afternoon. Dozens of maple syrup producers across the county opened their operations to the public. This special event encouraged people to travel long distances to participate.

It's that time again

While the weather may not be saying spring is just around the corner, the calendar does. And with spring comes daylight saving time. This Saturday night (April 6) turn your clocks ahead by one hour. We gain an extra hour of daylight in the evening, and hopefully the weather will take the hint and join in our search for milder temperatures.

Series opener decided in overtime

by Jerry Grozelle

"It's going to be a heck of a series," said Minden Monarchs' coach Brian Shaw after Saturday night's game against the Zurich Storm.

It was the first game of the all-Ontario bantam E division finals and the Monarchs scratched out a 4-3 win in overtime. The win was especially sweet for the Monarchs in front of an appreciative hometown crowd.

"I was pretty proud of the boys," Shaw added. "It was great for them to win it in overtime. The first game in a series like this is really important."

Zurich kept a close rein on Minden captain Ryan Anderson. He wasn't given much space to manoeuvre. But, as Shaw points out, that left some other players open and with the depth of this Minden team, the opposition can't shadow all of the potential scorers.

Nick Kulas was the beneficiary of some of the attention paid to Anderson by the Storm. Kulas scored a hat trick, all of Minden's goals in regulation time.

Kulas opened the scoring late in the first period. Philip Daniels let a shot go from the point and Kulas was cruising in front of the net at just the right time to get his stick on the rebound an d put it past the Zurich netminder. Gaten Davis also drew an assist.

The cheers from the Minden fans had barely settled when Zurich replied with the equalizer. Jarrett Jeffrey was left unmolested in the slot long enough to get a shot away that beat Minden goalie Ashley Walker. Just 16 seconds had elapsed between the two goals.

The second period was almost half over when Kulas scored his second goal. Steve Ecclestone centered a pass to Kulas, who spun around and backhanded the puck into the Zurich net. Gaten Davis picked up an assist on that one as well.

A half dozen hats were tossed onto the ice with 2:58 remaining in the middle frame. That's when Kulas rounded out his hat trick, tucking the puck past Zurich netminder Nick Regier from the doorstep.

The Storm got one back with 1:07 left in the frame when Matt Denomme one-timed a pass from behind the net into

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Bantams go ahead two games to none

In Sunday afternoon's contest the Monarchs defeated The Storm 7-2 to take a two game lead in the best of five final. Chris Nielson scored three goals, Nick Kulas picked up two and Jason Horsley and Chris Kerr each scored in Sunday's win. A complete report on the game in next week's edition of The Times.

The action moves to Zurich this Friday and Saturday.

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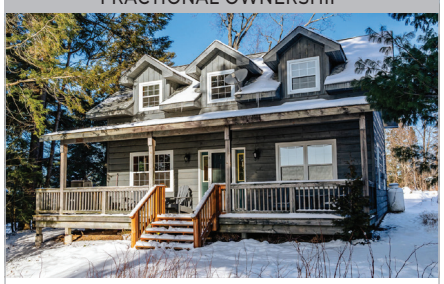

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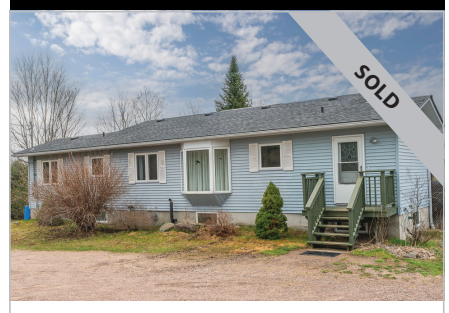

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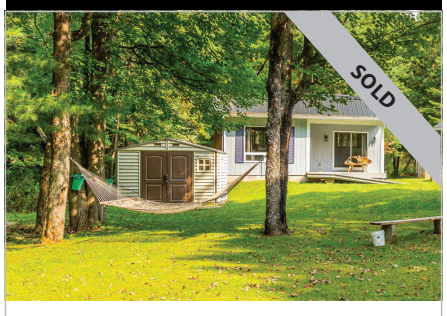

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